

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the Application. In the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4, 11, 16, 26, and 27 have been amended to correct informalities and clerical errors. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected claims 11 and 16-25 on the ground of informalities. (Applicants note that the objections to claims 17-25 stemmed from their dependence from independent claim 16).

In the forgoing amendments, claims 11 and 16 have been amended, thereby obviating these objections. Applicants have also been amended claims 1, 4, 26 and 27 to correct clerical errors.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 11 and 16-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the aforementioned objections, and claims 1-10, 12-15, 26 and 27 were allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

A statement of reasons for claims 1, 16, 26 and 27 being allowable was set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action. While Applicants agree that these claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Examiner's statement, Applicants submit that the invention as recited by the claims and as described in the present application is patentable over the art of record for reasons in addition to those listed in the Examiner's statement. Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of different scope from those in the present application.

Specification

Applicants provide herewith amendments to the specification. The amendments to the specification are made by presenting marked up replacement paragraphs which identify changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

The changes made are to correct typographical errors.

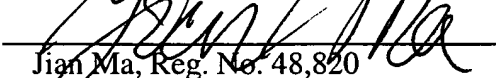
Applicants submit these changes add no new matter to the application and are fully supported by the original disclosure.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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